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\$1 A YEAR, CASH.

Urton Lake Project.

Santa Fe, N. M. Oct. 12.—The territorial Carey act board has received the plans, plat and specifications of the Urton Lake project from the reclamation service, which has abandoned its rights to the project. The board will soon advertise for the building of the reservoir which is to reclaim 60,000 acres on the Pecos south of Fort Sumner. The project may also give rise to an interesting contest as A. A. Jones of Las Vegas has filed on all the available waters of the Pecos and its tributaries north of Fort Sumner.

A power plant to cost \$200,000 and to develop 5,000 horse power on the Rio Hondo in Taos county, has been approved by territorial engineer Vernon L. Sullivan on application of Charles Springer. The application is for 95 second feet and the dam will be 40 feet high, 115 feet at the top and 30 feet at the bottom. Every available power site in northern New Mexico is being filed upon lately by interests which seemed to be allied and these filings presage rapid development in the near future.

Governor Curry has appointed the following delegates to the deep water ways convention at New Orleans, Oct. 30: Thomas B. Catron, of Santa Fe, W. Fleming Jones, of Las Cruces, and Francis Tracy Tobin of Philadelphia.—El Paso Herald.

The Urton Lake Project has been turned over to the Carey Act Board. There are three applicants, all strong financially seeking to enter into a contract with the Board to push to completion this great project. There is no doubt but that the contract will be let within a few weeks. The work will commence just as soon as possible thereafter. This will give Fort Sumner a boost such as she has never had, especially when you consider the construction of the Dam three miles up the river at a cost of perhaps half a million dollars and the construction of the Canal for over three miles through a rough country, all of the money will be spent here. Then we still remain at the head of this great irrigation tract of land. Our people are fast learning the value of irrigation from observing our present enterprise which has done so much to build up our country and see what impetus the addition of seventy thousand acres would give us. With the commencement of this work you will see the busiest town in New Mexico.

Since writing the above the press of the Territory announce that the contract for the Urton Lake project has been awarded to a company composed of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico parties, with Ex-Governor Miguel A. Otero as President of the company and that active operations will commence at once.

Teacher's Monthly Report.

School District No. 20, for the month ending Oct. 1st, 1909.

ENROLLMENT:

Males, 78
Females 85
Total 163

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE:

Males 62
Females 73
Total 135

No. neither absent nor tardy 40
No. of recitations daily 74

No. visits from school directors 7
MARION BLANCHARD, Principal.

Rules and By-Laws

Adopted by Mass Meeting on Aug. 4th, 1907.

Read Carefully and See What Powers the People Have Put Into the Hands of the Board of Control.

Whereas a massmeeting was held by a number of citizen at the building owned by Thomas Fitzgibbon on the strip of ground lying south of the Depot of the Eastern Ry of N. M. which Depot is known by the name of Fort Sumner. In Guadalupe Co. N. M. At which meeting the following proceedings were had to wit: J. E. Pardue was elected Chairman and W. H. Parker was elected Secretary. The object of said meeting being to take steps to institute a Townsite on Government land. A Board of Control consisting of five members was elected as follows: J. E. Pardue, Celestino Sandoval, George Murphy, W. H. Parker and J. S. Gordon. Which Board was instructed to prepare rules and regulations for entering upon and occupying said lands as a Townsite. Which Board of Control herewith submits the following rules and regulations to wit:

I. This town shall be known as 'The Depot Addition to Sunnyside.'

II. There shall be elected annually on the first Monday in August the successors to the present and future Boards of Control.

III. The Board of Control shall have the management of the affairs of the 'Depot Addition to the town of Sunnyside—first to have the lands above mentioned surveyed off into blocks, lots, streets and alleys and public plazas; to employ a surveyor to do said work and to compensate him therefor.

IV. To settle all contests between claimants to lots.

V. In order to justify any person in holding a lot he or she shall apply first to the Recorder who shall issue a certificate describing said lots by number of lot and Block, and must within three days thereafter place a notice upon said lot or lots stating his or her name and when taken. And further within thirty days after said certificate shall make some substantial improvements thereon. And within ninety days erect a house not less than ten by twelve feet, and in person occupy one of his said lots.

VI. Any male person over the age of eighteen years and any female over the age of eighteen years who are otherwise competent shall have the right to locate two lots, one for business and one for residence. That said townsite shall be laid out into business and residence districts. All persons locating lots shall select his lots in said districts.

VII. Any person locating lots shall pay to the Recorder the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each lot so located, which shall be applied as follows: Fifty cents to be paid to the Recorder, fifty cents to pay for surveying and platting said Townsite and fifty cent to be applied as a contingent fund, said recorder being required to pay over said sums as may be directed by the Board of Control. That said Board of Control shall appoint one of their number Treasurer who shall receive said Contingent fund and place the same in a Bank which said sum of money shall only be paid out upon the check of the Chairman of said Board countersigned by the Recorder.

La Lande Letter.

(Omitted last week.)

We are closing the three weeks revival services. The last service will be held Sunday the 10th.

During the meeting a score have been converted or sanctified and the Christian people much built up. Revs. Bud Robinson, W. L. Rogers, J. S. Collins, and W. W. Hanks have done great service for the Master during the meeting. We have found them men of God, strong preachers and good singers. As many of the readers of this paper know Bro. Bud Robinson preaches just like no other man does, and we are glad to say that he is a great friend of and strong believer in the future of our country. He is investing here for himself and his brother in law, and hopes later to make this his home.

Bro. Rogers is also buying property and hopes to file on a claim in the near future and move out. No one attending the meeting will ever forget his glad and joyous "Glory!" He has endeared himself very much to our people.

Brother Collins has been with almost from the first day and his earnest sermons and spiritual songs have been a source of great blessings to scores of people. We pray God's richest blessings upon him as he leaves us next Monday. He also hopes by another year to make this his home, together with his father-in-law.

Brother Hanks, who had spent six months in La Lande the first part of the year, was given a jubilant reception when he came last Sunday night. His many friends are glad again to sit under his most faithful and telling ministry. Come and hear him preach, and you will have no cause to regret it. The work on our buildings was delayed for nearly three weeks for lack of cement, but our car is in now and our buildings are rising rapidly.

The school will open in temporary buildings on Tuesday Oct. 12, and our patrons may send in next week or as soon thereafter as possible, and in just a few weeks our permanent buildings will be completed, and in the meanwhile all will be comfortable anyway.

Dressmaking at 1-2 Price.

Mrs. H. A. Weaver will take orders for Ladies and Misses Suits and will make to measure at half price the next few days to advertise her work. First door north of second-hand store on Fourth street.

The New Church.

The plans for the new Church have been received and may be inspected by all interested, especially all who want to make bids on any portion of the work. Call at D. J. McCanne's office and see them.

The specifications call for concrete blocks; but bids are desired on solid concrete as well.

R. B. Pate of Santa Rosa spent the first of the week prospecting our town with the view of locating a bakery here.

VIII. The Recorder shall be required to record the location of all persons taking lots, in a well bound book and shall give to the locator a certificate showing the receipt of money paid and set.

Irrigation in Italy.

(By Francis Centorbi, Graduate of Agricultural School of Italy.)

Irrigation has been practiced in Italy for over three centuries and in spite of the poor quality of the soil, so long cultivated, it produces three and four crops annually, all due to climate and irrigation. The traveler in Italy is at once impressed with the wonderful productivity of the soil and the fact that every inch of soil bears a growing plant.

IRRIGATION.

The object of irrigation is still uncomprehended in America. The supply of water should be used to raise more than one crop and that is why irrigated land has an intrinsic value three or four times greater than "dry" land. The farmer who works irrigated ground should not consider himself a farmer in the ordinary sense of the word but rather a crop manufacturer. He has the water to supply moisture when rain is needed with the additional benefit of using it at the right time. Any kind of land can be made very productive when irrigated. In Italy I have seen farmers working nothing but sandy and rocky soil that here would be ignored and raising thereon almost any kind of trees or vegetables.

The vineyards growing on the slopes of Etna, where the soil is pure lava, the oranges growing in the province of Messina and Catania illustrate the fact that artificial water when used conservatively is much superior to natural rain. Oranges grow nowhere but on irrigated land, and it is so with many other fruits. Summer vegetables must be grown under irrigation.

INTENSIVE CULTIVATION.

To illustrate Italian intensive methods: During the month of November I sowed Horsebeans (not known here) and about February I put some black eyed peas between the rows; in the first week of May my Horsebeans were ready for market, while the Blackeyed peas were growing vigorously through the manure supplied by the roots of the Horsebean plant; in the first week in June I planted cauliflower on the same land and about June 15th the peas were marketed; on August 15th I cut an enormous crop of cauliflower and planted lettuce, radishes and other vegetables replacing them on September 15th with winter cabbage. Thus making in all five crops taken from one piece of land. This was done while I was in Agricultural School and many gardens there were far superior to mine. After leaving school and going through the country I learned that our little test there such as I have described were mere play compared with the actual results obtained by real gardeners.

Intensive cultivation is a mere matter of understanding how to make use of every little piece of land and my experience has taught me that it pays much better to work a small piece, say five or ten acres, and fill every out-of-the-way corner with plant life. The secret of the fabulous yield obtained in Italy is simply that land is scarce and each family must secure its living from a very small tract. The smaller the tract the more intensive will be the cultivation. Intensive cultivation works a double advantage to the farmer. The rank growth of vegetation fertilizes and improves the soil until poor land becomes rich and a solid mass of plant life increases

Truck and Field Crops.

(See also Need in Dry Farming Congress Bulletin.)

The subject of dry farming appeals to a large number of our farmers in this southwest section of our state. But though it appeals to many, few apparently know how to take hold of the problem. My success has been achieved principally in growing truck crops.

The great principle underlying this mode of farming is how to get moisture to our growing crops, when rain is deficient. Where you have a retentive subsoil the problem is more easily solved. A clay subsoil is the sheet anchor of dry farming.

When this subsoil has absorbed moisture, it retains it until liberated by frequent tillage. The reason, therefore, of my success, is that I have the subsoil necessary to retain moisture and have applied the necessary means of bringing to the growing crops the moisture required to development. It is my practice to keep the soil continually stirred, thus keeping it mellow and friable. This style of cultivation is known as the dust mulch or blacket system. This enables capillary attraction to do its work.

HAS RESULTS TO SHOW

Last season we were deficient 12 inches of rain; again this season we are, at present, behind that. Still, by my method of frequent cultivation. I have now growing, and nearly matured, Irish potatoes, peas, tomatoes, radishes, and about 5,000 cabbage plants, making good growth, some of which will be fit to market in six weeks, although our rainfall during the last three or four months has been less than three inches.

In my truck patch all land uncropped, when possible, I keep plowed on the surface. Land allowed to get hard on the surface will soon dry out and deteriorate. Soil, to retain its vitality, requires (page 8 column 5.)

the humidity and a trophic growth results from evaporated water that is wasted in cultivation.

FIGHTING FROST.

An uncle of mine has 550 orange trees in one of the coolest places in Italy where the water supply is very limited. When he set out his oranges his friends ridiculed him but he stuck by his belief that oranges could be grown there by the proper use of the water and his grove has been a great success. During the winter months he experienced heavy frosts and every morning the trees were covered with frost. About October he makes a bed under the trees with matured straw manure and during the winter months, especially on mornings of heavy frosts, he irrigated his grove just enough to destroy the frost without irrigating the trees. The manure absorbs the water and the water draws the frost. This method of fighting frost has been successfully applied in cooler climates than this and there can be little doubt but that the same method will aid materially in saving fruit crops in the Pecos Valley.

COMPARISON.

While the growing season here at Fort Sumner is a little shorter than in that part of Italy that I have described the intensive methods there used can be applied here and there is not an inch of soil under the Fort Sumner Canal but what will produce three and four different crops each season.

LOCALETTES

See Erickson's New line Dry Goods before buying elsewhere.

Miss Adelina Jaramillo made a visit to Santa Rosa this week.

P. B. Staggs, of Banks, was doing business here this week.

Any suit of Clothes in the house at cost for cash. Look at them at Erickson & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McKinney returned this week and are now installed in their new residence.

We are sole agents for Chase & Sanborns Celebrated Coffees, try them Erickson & Co.

W. H. Harris, of Nacagodoches, Tex., has been here this week and will go into the real estate business.

We want your Cash business and will make prices to get it, at Erickson & Co's.

Kemp Lumber Co. has just received a large consignment of Lincoln Paints, Kalsomine, Oil and Roof Paints.

Victor Anaya says that he will not collect any more money on the new Catholic Church as he has turned the whole matter over to the Parish Priest.

See Mrs. H. A. Coker before buying your Fall Hat. She carries all the latest and up-to-date styles in Ladies and Children's Hats, Caps and Notions.

Victor Anaya announces that he will not make any more adobes this fall, as he thinks they are liable to freeze. He will be ready next spring to do all kinds of adobe work.

Erickson & Co. have just received a car of Fancy and Standard canned Vegetables, including the Famous Richelieu Jams, Mince meat, and other items too numerous to mention.

Nels Curtis has the frame up for his new cottage, which when completed, will be a credit to the town. It is not known who will occupy it, as you never can tell what an old bachelor will do.

C. C. Henry has been appointed United States Commissioner for this district by Judge Alford W. Cooley, to succeed W. H. Parker. This is a good selection and will give general satisfaction.

J. E. Powell has just completed four miles of ditch on the pump branch of the Fort Sumner Land and Development Co. and has taken a contract to extend the main canal three miles.

There is nothing better we know of for all kidney troubles than Pineules. These pills are really excellent in cases of weak back and backache, pains in the neck of the bladder, rheumatic pain and kindred ailments, due to weakened, disordered kidneys. Sold by Sunnyside Drug Co.

For Sale—120 acres of patented land, within 5 miles of Fort Sumner; living water; a choice place for a dairy ranch; cheap for cash.

C. W. Foor.

WANTED: Pictures of Old Fort Sumner. Anyone having or knowing of pictures of Old Fort Sumner will please communicate with

L. C. VANHUCKE

Have just received a car each Wolfs Premium Flour, Corn and Chop, Potatoes and Onions, Canned Goods, Sugar, Alfalfa, Windmills, Castles pipe and fixtures. It will pay you to get you to our prices before buying elsewhere. Erickson & Co.